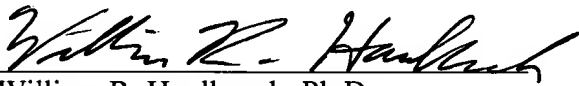


**REMARKS**

Applicants have withdrawn claims 1-15 and 25-32 pursuant to the Response to Restriction Request filed concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment. In this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended claims 16, 19, and 20. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and drawings, and at least in originally-filed claims 25-29. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments.

If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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